

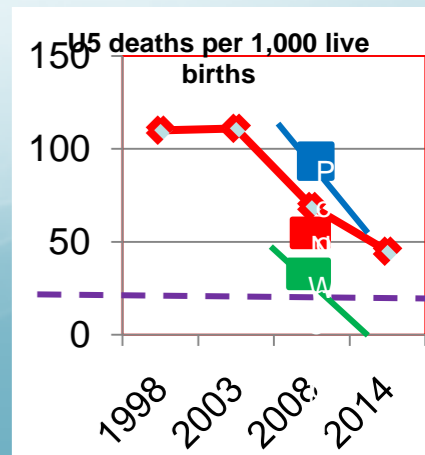


# **Scaling Up Nutrition in Ghana - Progress Report**

**National Nutrition Partners  
Coordinating  
Committee (NaNuPACC)**

# Country Context

- **Ghana is on track to meet the MDG 1, (*but prevalence of child undernutrition is still too high*)**
  - Reductions in underweight have been greatest in the poorest segment of the population
- **However, other Child Nutrition indicators have not improved substantially**
  - 28% of children under-five years stunted
  - 9% of children under-five years wasted
  - High prevalence of anaemia
  - High rates of under-nutrition among children



# Country Commitment and Response to SUN

- High level of Government committed to Improving Nutrition and Food Security ( as contained in the GSGDA & MTNDP)
- An early riser SUN country (Letter of Intent by Minister for Health on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011)
- GHS currently leading the SUN initiative in Ghana
- A National Planning Committee coordinated by the National Development Planning Commission (NDPC) in place
  - Membership include MOH, GHS, MoFA, Education, CSOs & Development Partners etc
  - Launch of the SUN in Ghana is planned for November 2011

# Country Commitment and Response to SUN - 2

- GSGDA and MTND Policy framework 2010-2013 identifies nutrition and food security as critical cross-cutting issues
- Existing strategic and policy documents address nutrition and food security concerns, e.g.
  - *“Imagine Ghana Free of Malnutrition”, NMCCSP Program supported by WB*
  - the *“Food and Agricultural Sector Development Policy (FASDEP)”* with its investment plan (METASIP)
  - Health Sector Medium Term Development Plan (HSMTDP 2010-2013)

# Challenges

- The need for nutrition advocacy and comprehensive communication strategy – currently under development
- Sustaining high level commitment and ensuring that nutrition is placed firmly on the agenda of District Assemblies
- Adopting a more integrated approach to target non-nutritionists and curative care officers

# Institutional Arrangements

- A National Planning Committee on Nutrition led by the NDPC
- Multi-sectoral platform established (NaNuPACC) - Chaired by the GHS
- Collaboration with key Development Partners

# Efforts towards Scaling Up Nutrition

- Strengthen strategic and management capacity of the Nutrition Department
- Advocate for nutrition as a priority on sustainable basis for national development
- Finalize the National Nutrition Policy to provide the legal and institutional framework
- Finalize the Nutrition Advocacy document by end of 2011





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